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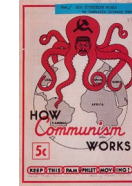
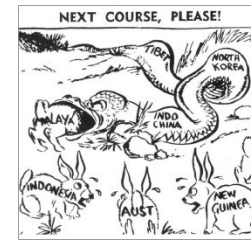
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DOMINO THEORY

"You have a row of dominoes set up; you knock over the first one, and what will happen to the last one is that it will go over very quickly."
—President Dwight D. Eisenhower speaking at a press conference on April 7, 1954.



CONTAINMENT POLICY



SAVING FACE

"If, when the chips are down, the world's most powerful nation, the United States of America, acts like a pitiful, helpless giant, the forces of totalitarianism and anarchy will threaten free nations and free institutions throughout the world." —President Richard Nixon in a nationwide address on April 30, 1970 explaining his decision to invade Cambodia.



"...We will not be defeated. We will not grow tired. We will not withdraw either openly or under the cloak of a meaningless agreement." —President Lyndon Johnson, speaking to the nation on April 7, 1965 explaining his decision to send U.S. combat troops to Vietnam.

COMMITMENT POLICY



**"Honor the warrior,
not the war."**

CONSEQUENCES

